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SUBJECT: PHYSICAL SECURITY OF SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL

1. VICTOR (CHEN-HUA) CHENG, SECRETARY-GENERAL ROC ATOMIC ENERGY COUNCIL, CALLED ON EMB SCI ADV ON APRIL 22 TO INFORM HIM OF EMBARRASSING COMMUNICATIONS GAP IN RELATION TO ERDA REQUEST FOR INFORMATION.

2. CHENG RELATED SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING:

- A. ON ABOUT DECEMBER 10, 1974, ERDA SENT A LETTER TO THE COUNSELOR FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE ROC EMBASSY, WASHINGTON DC, ASKING FOR INFORMATION ABOUT ROC IN-COUNTRY PROCEDURES FOR PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDING OF SPECIAL NUCLEAR MATERIAL. THE LETTER WAS RECEIVED IN ROC EMBASSY AFTER THE COUNSELOR FOR S&T HAD LEFT FOR TAIWAN FOR REASSIGNMENT. DUE TO A CLERICAL ERROR, THE LETTER WAS NOT ANSWERED.
- B. DURING MARCH 1975, AN ORDER WAS PLACED WITH GENERAL ATOMICS FOR FOUR (4) TRIGA LONG LIFE FUEL ELEMENTS FOR THE TSING HUA UNIVERSITY OPEN POOL REACTOR.
- C. ON APRIL 22, CHENG RECEIVED A PERSONAL LETTER FROM THE ROC EMBASSY, WASHINGTON DC, INFORMING HIM ERDA WAS UNHAPPY THAT THEY HAD NOT HAD A REPLY TO THEIR LETTER OF DECEMBER 10. CHENG STATED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE ERDA LETTER

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BEFORE HE HEARD FROM THE ROC EMBASSY ON APRIL 22.

HE IS CONCERNED THAT THIS NON-RESPONSE COULD
DELAY THE ISSUANCE OF THE EXPORT LICENSE FOR THE
FUEL ELEMENTS ON ORDER.

3. CHENG ASKED THAT INFORMATION BE PASSED TO ERDA THAT
HE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON WEEK OF APRIL 28, DURING WHICH
TIME HE WISHES TO EXPRESS HIS REGRETS FOR THE FAILURE TO
RESPOND AND WILL PROVIDE IN FULL THE INFORMATION
REQUESTED.
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